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THIS IS MY FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY

For Fourteen Years I Have Weathered the Gales and Kept Out of the Sheriff's Way

I Love This Great City—I Like You—I Worship at the Shrine of Democracy

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ROBBED THE SHERIFF

His Office in the Court House Broken Into and Considerable Loot Secured.

The police stations at Los Angeles and at Kansas City were robbed last month, but Thursday St. Joseph went those jay towns one better and staged a robbery of the sheriff's office. When that office in the court house was opened on Thursday morning, not only the vault but the safe inside of the vault were found standing open, and from them had been taken \$2,500 in Liberty bonds which had been put up as bond by William Wright, and \$800 in bonds, the property of chief deputy William H. Kueker.

The robbers were fully conversant with the premises and knew not only how to get in but what to do after they got inside from a south window. Both the vault and safe had been opened by working the combinations. The marauders overlooked four hundred dollars in Liberty bonds and some war savings stamps, the property of Sheriff Isaacson.

FREELING VAN CUNDIFF KILLED

Two weeks ago, at Table Rock, Neb., while a Burlington freight train was switching in the yards a freight car was thrown violently against another one that was loaded with lumber. When the car was opened, a young man was found dead in one corner, having been crushed to death by the lumber when it shifted on being struck by the other car. There was nothing on the young man by which to identify him except that some of his clothing had been purchased at the Plymouth Clothing Co. here and bore the firm's trademark. Through this medium, however, it was established Saturday that the dead man was named Freeling Vance Cundiff and had resided with his parents near Willow Brook, just south of this city. The father went to Table Rock and after identifying the body brought it home for burial.

AL MUNSEY NOW CHIEF BOOZE SLEUTH

The many friends of Albert B. Munsey here (who escape his professional services) will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted to and assumed the position of chief of the federal prohibition enforcement forces for this district, succeeding C. C. Post, who is alleged to be a failure in the work. The territory over which Mr. Munsey will have jurisdiction includes Western Missouri, Kansas, Northeastern Oklahoma and part of Arkansas. Mr. Post will return to his former position as anti-narcotic agent in Oklahoma City.

STREET RAILWAY WANTS A RAISE

Notice was served on Mayor Marshall Thursday to the effect that the street railway people had filed with the public service commission a request that it be permitted to raise its fare to nine cents. City Counselor Stigall has asked for a suspension of the rate for 120 days. The public service commission has notified the parties in interest that it will hold a hearing in this city on Sept. 19, at which time all interested may appear, as the hearing will be an open one.

WOMEN CELEBRATE SUFFRAGE VICTORY

About 100 men and women gathered at the court house Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of celebrating the suffrage victory. Mrs. W. K. James presided, and addresses were made by Judge W. K. James, Rev. Charles Wentworth, Mrs. Walter McNabb Miller and others. Just as the exercises closed the bells and whistles of the city were turned loose, to add to the celebration.

The fifth annual outing of Georgetown Lodge, and Ideal Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., will be held at Hyde Park next Monday.

FURGUSON IS HEARD

For the Forgery of a Check Given to the Farmer Automobile Co.

G. M. Furguson of Kansas City, a former resident of this city, was held by Justice Wilson Saturday for the forgery of a check for \$675 given to the Farmer Auto Co., and to which the name of J. M. Watson was signed. The car which he bought with the check was recovered.

After buying the car Furguson took it to Kansas City where he sold it to a garage, and it was while he was attempting to cash a check given him for the purchase price, that he was arrested. He and his brother, W. L. Furguson, are now both under bond, charged with the embezzlement of \$2,000 from the Kansas City Gas Co., of which W. L. Furguson was cashier. When G. M. Furguson was arrested by the Kansas City police a search of Furguson's pockets, the police say, revealed a map showing the location of a bank in Rosedale and the street number of the house near the bank. He would make no comment as to whether he intended to rob the bank.

GOVERNOR COX COMING

Is to speak in this city on September 29th, according to Press Reports.

While so far there is nothing but the press report on which to base the assertion, yet the announcement came through the press wires Tuesday, that Gov. Cox would visit St. Joseph on Sept. 29th and make a speech here. At that time he will be on a tour of the West and his itinerary will take in the various cities of this section, including Omaha, Topeka, Atchison and Kansas City.

As soon as the announcement can be verified the Democrats of this city will take the matter in hand, and arrange for a monster demonstration on the occasion of his visit. The Auditorium will be secured and the coming of the next president will be duly advertised and all of the territory tributary invited to assemble at St. Joseph on that day and hear the great orator.

ROBERT BUIS IS UNDER ARREST

Robert G. Walker, living north of the city, who lost his Chevrolet roadster on the night of August 4th, is again in possession of the vehicle. He was in an office building here last week, and looking out of the window, recognized his car. Detectives Rulien and Thielman were put on the case and chased the car around in DeKalb and Geny counties, finally locating it at Savannah Saturday, where they arrested R. W. Buis, the son of an Andrew county farmer, with the car in his possession. He gave bond for a hearing.

HOWARD KILLED BY THE BURLINGTON

As George W. Howard, 62 years of age, who was employed as an engineer by Swift & Co. at the city plant, was returning home Tuesday morning and using the Burlington tracks north of Francis street as his route, he was struck by the engine of train No. 24, south-bound from Omaha, and instantly killed. He stepped from one track to the other by mistake, supposing the train was on the other track. He is survived by his widow and two sons, all of St. Joseph.

And now comes along the telephone company and asks for an increase of rates, claiming that it has only made 1.93 per cent on its investment here the last year. The new rate to be asked patrons if the increase is granted will raise an additional \$85,750.23 for the company.

Normalcy Dollars-a-day Hard-

—back to the panic of 1907.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY IS RIGHT

The stand of the Humane Society which it has taken in reference to the suppression of brutality at the Frontier Day exhibition to be put on at the lake the coming week is right and needs with the approval of all decent citizens. The society has said that one of the so-called "acts" is brutal in the extreme, and that it shall not be allowed to go on in this community—and that means just what it says. The St. Joseph branch of the Humane Society is made up of the best men and women who live here, and their stand against brutal "sport" is timely—and RIGHT.

ORGANIZED BIG CLUB

Democrats Meet at the Court House and Form the First Cox-Roosevelt Club in the County.

There was great enthusiasm manifested at the court house Tuesday night, when over 250 democratic men and women met and organized the first Cox-Roosevelt club in the county with a membership that night of over 200, which will be increased to a thousand or more by the next meeting Monday night. Dr. John I. Hyne presided and Mrs. Porter Sette acted as secretary. Hon. L. C. Gabbert, candidate for Congress, called the meeting to order and made a speech which set his hearers to wildly cheering. Richard M. Duncan, Judge Charles B. Mayer and Judge A. B. Duncan each made speeches which provoked great enthusiasm, and did much good for the cause.

The election of officers for the club resulted in Louis V. Stigall being elected president; John J. Downey, first vice president; Mrs. Fred Patton, Rushville, second vice-president; Miss Laura Lawlor, secretary; John Doyle Barrow, treasurer.

A committee on permanent organization was formed and, it was announced that the club will meet again next Monday night. The committee is composed of Charles H. Mayer, Mrs. Herbert A. Owen, Dr. W. T. Elam, Mrs. S. R. Seelman, John W. Morris and Mrs. F. A. H. Garlich.

The club will take the field in force for the coming battle.

CIRCUS DAY THIEVES MAKE HAULS

Circus day always brings thieves—and also causes people to forget to securely fasten their homes when they go to view the parade. On Thursday the home of Miss H. Crabtree, 901 Farnon, was entered and a \$400-diamond ring and \$35 in money taken; the room of Lee Thompson, 609 South Sixth was gone into and a suitcase filled with clothing taken; Mrs. Danick's room, 516½ Fifth, was entered and \$8 in money taken; R. P. Lee's home, 2413 Angelique, lost a \$10 gold piece and a number of old coins; Nathan Miller, 416 South Seventh, lost a diamond ring, and Charles Kent, 2021 Farnon, an alligator handbag and an suitcase.

FREDERICK AVENUE BOOSTERS TO QUIT

The business men of Frederick Avenue who have been agitating for the improvement of the conditions on that thoroughfare, have decided to suspend operations, now that they have been promised that the holes in the street will be patched up and the avenue be made temporarily passable. The reason that they will quit for the present is that a court decision must be had before it is known what can be done for that thoroughfare.

NO BOOZE—AND WATER GOES UP

As there is no more booze to be had in St. Joseph, naturally the price of water should go up—for there is now increased consumption. On Monday the public service commission gave notice that it had allowed the water company to increase its rates 25 per cent beginning with Sept. 1. The rate will make water cost the people of St. Joseph \$62,000 more per year.

RECOUNT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT BALLOTS

Those in a position to know say that it will not take long to recount the ballots cast in the Second judicial district judgeship contest filed by the suit has not been filed in the circuit race need to be counted. So far that of having notice of contest suit court, the only proceeding being two boys, Virgil Kanatzer and Vern served by the sheriff.

Willie Adams of Fairfax died in a local hospital Sunday.

WILD AND WOOLY DAYS OF THE "COUNCIL BLUFFS"

WHEN THAT ROAD HELPED TO PULL OFF A BIG PRIZE FIGHT

AND FOOLED ALL OF THE IOWA OFFICIALS

An Old Railroad Man Who Is About to Retire From the Service of the Road Tells a Story of Early Day Railroaders on the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Road. Which Shows That Men Were Sportlike Inclined in Those Days of the Long Ago.

The Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs road, now a part of the Burlington system, was in its early days known as the "Council Bluffs" and there are yet employees of that road who still call it by that name—and tell many stories of its early day episodes which are of much interest. G. M. Hohl (Mike) was one of the early superintendents of that line, and is still connected with the road with headquarters here. Some good friend in Iowa this week sent him a clipping from an Iowa paper which tells of one of "these" early "affairs" and which is yet very "interesting reading" as some of the men who figured in it are still alive and in the harness. Here is the story:

An Experience Meeting

"GLENWOOD, Ia., Aug. 31.—A group of retired farmers and a railroad man, who soon will retire, were discussing the Tabor & Northwestern railroad which has just passed from the hands of private owners to a committee representing the citizens of Tabor, when the railroad man became reminiscent and asked the others if any of them recalled the time when the old Council Bluffs, St. Joseph & Kansas City railroad, now a big cog in the wheel of the Burlington system, was in existence and when it was so nearly a family affair that it named its stations after uncles and aunts or good friends and never hesitated to stop one of its trains to pick up a friend, no matter where train and friend chanced to meet.

"The inquiry developed an interesting experience meeting when that reliable railroad alid and alighted, years ago, when this same respectable road was young among its other public benefactions, it escorted and chaperoned a real prize fight. The fighters who figured as principals in this ring contest were Joe Hogan and Tom Allen, names that are still almost revered among devotees of the prize ring of that early day.

"Price fights were against the law and the participants and spectators as law breakers subject to arrest and imprisonment.

"On the morning fixed for the fight the regular southbound train left the old Union Pacific Transfer depot in Council Bluffs carrying an extra car for the unusual number of passengers.

"The train schedule called for a stop at Pacific City, a new Pacific Junction, where there was no station house, nothing except a pair that led somewhere to the timber along the Missouri river. But back of those places was a clearing and this was where the fight was to take place. In the meantime some reformer had been busy and a militia company was dispatched from Des Moines which was already in the vicinity, under cover of the station in Council Bluffs, the sheriff of Pottawattamie county along with them.

It Didn't Stop

"A bit of yellow paper, fluttered from one man's hand to another as the train slowed down to come in on the siding that passed the city depot. That siding was made at full speed by the little law-breaking train.

"The Pottawattamie sheriff awaited his charger, took a brace in his suspenders, did some fast thinking and then issued lightning orders to the telegraph operator, aroused the good people of Glenwood and soon had them scurrying about on a riot call. While he was doing this the fighters and their friends were on their way, reached Pacific City, left the train and ran up into the quiet, peaceful appearing woods to the clearing, stretched the ringside rope, took their places. Hogan and Allen, stripped to the waist in their corners ready for the going.

"Then things began to happen.

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THAT DISTINCTION AS BILLY LINN SEES IT

The distinction between the campaign slush fund and the quota of the slush fund, according to Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the Republican National Committee, is, the quota is made necessarily high for fear it will not be reached in every community. According to reliable information furnished James M. Cox, Democratic nominee, the collection has exceeded the quota in a large number of cities.

It has been stated that Harding and Coolidge have the confidence of the people, but according to Mr. Blair, the most essential thing is for "the boys to get the money."

He says that Harding and Coolidge have the confidence of the people, but "boys get the money."

The platform is sound enough to hold the weight of the nation, but "boys get the money."

It takes time to organize, but we cannot delay; but "boys get the money."

MILLIONS AND MILLIONS IN VALUE OF CEREALS

ENOUGH PRODUCED TO KEEP ONE HALF OF THE WORLD FROM STARVATION

WHAT THIS GREAT STATE HAS DONE LATELY

No One Who Has Not Read and Studied the Statistics Herewith Given Can Form Any Adequate Idea of the Immense Amount of Cereals That Are Produced in This State or the Vast Aggregate of Labor and Capital That Is Employed to Produce Them For Consumption.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 1—

Interested information as to what the world would do to develop the flour, feed and meal industry of Missouri is imported by a State Bureau of Labor Statistics bulletin issued today by William H. Lewis, announcing that the 1919 worth of manufacturing embraced in this classification reached the high sum of \$131,333,546, a total of 327 mills considered, as compared with a total value in 1914, the year the widespread hostilities commenced, aggregating \$78,085,393, with 641 mills considered. The gain in total worth is nearly 50 per cent, probably chiefly due to the fact that the value of wheat on the farm August 1, 1914, was 75 cents a bushel, and on August 1, 1919, \$2.28 a bushel, a gain of over 200 per cent, not considering an average individual increase in wages for the Missouri army of mill operators and other employees equalling 58.3 per cent.

The increase in the number of active millers and helpers and other employees, 1319 over 1914, tells the story of the prosperity the flour, feed and meal industry brought to Missouri during these five years. The army of toilers leaped from a 1914 total of 3,456, consisting of 3,457 men and 79 women and 2878, to 6,775 for 1919, divided between 6,397 of the masculine sex and 261 of the other species. The total disbursed in wages bonded from \$1,892,548, the year 1914, to \$5,776,885 for 1919, a gain of 302 per cent.

Increase in Wages 58.3 Per Cent

For 1919 the average annual earnings of Missouri mill toilers, including superintendents, foremen and all office help, men and women, was \$555, as compared to only \$348, the same class of workers, for the year 1914. The individual gain in annual earnings, 1919 over 1914, was \$215, or a little in excess of 55.3 per cent. For Missouri, flour milling is chiefly a rural industry, being confined almost altogether in the towns which are in the big wheat producing counties of the state where the cost of food and rent are below those of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, consequently the smaller annual earnings of those who work at the industry.

Food for reflection is furnished higher cost of living standards by the flour, feed and meal industry of Missouri, 1919 over 1914, announces the Missouri Bureau of Labor, bulletin which was prepared by Supervisor of Statistics A. T. Edmonston. The following salient features of the industry and the gain in worth of products

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TICKET IS GEOGRAPHICALLY PERFECT

IS DISTRIBUTED PROPERLY ALL OVER THE GREAT STATE OF MISSOURI

ALL THE STATES HAVE EQUAL REPRESENTATION

And Therefore the Old Cry of One Part of the State Having All of the Nominees for the Other Parts of the State to Do the Voting For Does Not Hold Good This Year as Almost Every Neighborhood Has a Man of Their Locality on the State Democratic Ticket.

JEFFERSON CITY, Sept. 2—

(Special Correspondence.)—It was the hearty and united support of organized labor in Kansas City which more than materially assisted John Morgan Atkinson, Missouri's next governor, in carrying that big industrial center primary day for the nomination, and it will be the support and votes of working men and women which, on election day, will again give him that city and Jackson county by at least 25,000, predict those who are in close touch with the political situation in that portion of western-central Missouri. As the thirty-sixth state has ratified the equal suffrage federal constitution amendment, women can now vote just the same as men, not alone on national events and officials but also on all state affairs, from President and United States Senator and Governor and Congressman down to county. The November election will afford the first opportunity for the species to exercise this privilege. The only handicap is that in cities such as St. Louis and Kansas City, women must, on registration days, register just like their husbands and brothers and fathers and other male relatives do now. If this important fact is overlooked such a woman will lose her vote.

It is up to every white woman in the state who has the welfare of Missouri at heart to vote at the coming November election to help the democrats exceed the 175,000 republican votes black men and women of the state will elicit and ignorantly cast that day in the effort to put over the "pop" ticket.

McInerney Was Labor Choice on the "Pop" Ticket

The republican portion of organized labor in St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, Joplin, Cape Girardeau, Hannibal, Jefferson City and Sedalia on primary day favored for good and ample reasons, the candidacy of the Springfield editor, E. E. F. McInerney and fought Arthur M. Hyde, the Trenton, crumby county, garage keeper and lawyer, hard, but the latter, having the indorsement of the prohibition wing of the "grand old party" and the solid support of the powerful negro faction, easily won the nomination. With McInerney down in defeat many of his sponsors and backers are of the opinion that since John Morgan Atkinson, the Democratic gubernatorial nominee, has a good, clean record on every vital issue in which organized labor is interested, and Hyde has no record on these matters at all and therefore seems up entirely as an unknown and untried quality, the members of the union movement will unite solidly and vote for the democratic candidate. "Vote for Cox and Atkinson," both are progressive humanitarians," is the word which is already being passed around by the wage earners of St. Louis and Kansas City and thousands of those toilers who were republicans at former elections, it is said, will do it.

St. Louis Labor Indorsed Meredith

Organized labor of St. Louis on primary day had both Willie H. Meredith and State Senator Mark A. McGruder, the two democratic contestants for attorney-general, on its slate. They split the democratic union vote there that day. This coup of Meredith gave him the nomination over Senator McGruder. Before the indorsement was extended by organized labor of St. Louis the past record of Missouri's next attorney-general was carefully looked up and found to fully comply with all requirements. Fully a thousand union men and women of southeast Missouri urged that the indorsement be given. Now that he is the party nominee for attorney-general union men all over the state will support him in preference to the republican nominee, their leaders say.

Out in rural Missouri Meredith gave

WHY THE CLOCK STOPPED

Mayor Marshall is badly exorcised because the clock in the federal building due to a break, is not functioning. The reason is that the heavy trucks running through those gutters and holes in Frederick Avenue which Mayor Marshall has not fixed, jared the clock so violently that the pendulum was broken short off.

a splendid exhibition on primary day of his political strength by carrying nearly every heavy democratic county. While Senator McGruder made a spectacular race in most of Missouri's cities, his lead there was not enough to overcome what Meredith had in the farming sections. It is predicted that on election day Meredith will run true to form out in the country, and as he is a thoroughbred American with the ability to easily make himself popular, and on top of all, his the necessary legal qualifications, judgment and discretion to make a good attorney-general, there is no reason why he should not run well in St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph. It is safe to predict that Meredith will win in a walk.

Balford, Next Lieutenant-Governor

When Senators Carter M. Balford of Ellington, Reynolds county, and R. S. McClintic of Paris, Monroe county, ran against one another on primary day for the democratic nomination for lieutenant-governor both were on the side of organized labor, indorsed as friends of the cause. It was a neck-and-neck race between the two in rural Missouri, as predicted in "Fervent Political Prairie" that it would be. Senator McClintic made almost a clean sweep of north Missouri where he lives and is best known, and Senator Balford, evened up scores by repeating this performance in south Missouri where he lives and is well thought of. An examination of the returns after primary day revealed that outside of St. Louis and Kansas City, the two were nearly even on the number of votes each had. In these two cities, Senator Balford, being better known, had the advantage and the big vote he received there was enough to give him the nomination by approximately 11,000.

It is expected of Senator Balford that on election day he will run as well in Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Louis and other Missouri cities as will either Cox or Atkinson. The lead he will have when he enters St. Louis, it is prophesied, will not alone overcome the heavy vote his opponent, Hiram Lloyd, will receive there through the support of 60,000 black men and women, but will be sufficient to emphatically indicate to the "gops" of Missouri that the state is still safely democratic.

Judge Hagland Looks Up as a Winner

The real surprise of primary day was the remarkable race that lawyer John M. Dawson of Kahoka, Clark county, made for one of the three nominations on the democratic ticket for supreme court judges, against Judge William T. Hagland of Paris, Monroe county, a member of the supreme court commission. While to the profession Judge Hagland is well known and he holds high rank as a legal authority, in every popular, and has an efficient judicial record in Monroe, Marion and Hall counties, forming the Tenth judicial circuit, of which he was circuit judge for twelve years, out in the state he was not known to the laity. Nearly every county of Missouri has two or three Dawson families, dating back to the year that Missouri was admitted into statehood and nearly all are related. The familiar name of Dawson was the magic which did the work. Lawyer Dawson, who was one of former governor Majors' assistant attorneys-general when that well known Missourian was at the head of the state's legal department, made a race serious and clean against Judge Hagland that it took nearly a week to determine between the two who had won the supreme court nomination. Six years ago Lawyer Dawson measured swords with Senator William J. Stone for the democratic logic wearing nomination, but that old tried and true-blue warrior was too well known and popular all over the state. Dawson was then defeated ten to one. It also got over the state that Dawson was the man courageous enough to enter the arena against Senator Stone and this fact won him some votes over Judge Hagland's splendid legal qualifications and reputation. Those who know Dawson say he will run for something else four years hence, perhaps for governor, and, if courage

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